

## QUESTION FOR RFI NRL-12-RK01

1. Should the response speak to a specific project in mind, team members, schedule, milestones, etc.

Specific project concepts are encouraged. If team members are known they can be disclosed but there will be ample opportunity in the future for vendors to create teams. The RFI does request under item d) a discussion of programmatic and schedule which could include milestones and other programmatic information if the vendor so desires.

2. Any recommended depth and breadth (e.g., how important is it to break-up responses to provide more specialized examples, simulations, measurements, and other technical information)

No specific recommendation other than the page limit must be observed.

3. Item number 4: "A program duration of not more than four years" This appears to be a statement without any real indication of what is desired in response. I am guessing that it is looking for a schedule. However in item # 1d a schedule is specifically requested. ...So I am unclear about what item number 4 is requesting.

Item number 4 is a statement for information and not a request. The request for schedule information is made in item #1d.

4. Item Number 3 "Implementation based upon an appropriate balance of DoD program means and industrial base; and" This is a bit unclear as well. Can you provide any clarification?

The intent is to determine interest in cost sharing between the USG and the private sector if a program eventually evolves.

5. Is ONR able to receive encrypted submission files (since these are meant to be sent through regular e-mail channels) and, if so, is there a preferred/specified methodology?

NRL will support CAC enabled digital signature and encryption if requested. Such a request must be made to the ACE email address using a CAC enabled digitally signed message. NRL will respond with a CAC digitally signed email that the vendor can use to send their digitally signed (and encrypted) email RFI response.

6. Please note that line item 1 c) states: "An estimate for the level of effort (personnel and funding) and scope needed to make the improvements identified in item b)" strongly implies the need for a rough order of magnitude estimate for the technical focus area.

This request is for rough order of magnitude in funding to enable the USG to gauge the level of estimate proposed. A response is optional.

7. Are optical components development as applied to the EW business area of interest?

Optical components development is one of many technical areas that may apply to EW applications.